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SUBJECT. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT ON TOGO

REF: A) STATE 188960, B) LOME Ø1794

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2. ACCORDING TO RICHARD ELSNER, RESEACHER ON WEST AFRICA FOR AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, MARTIN ENNALS, THEN SECRETARY-GENERAL OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, AND ROBERT DURST, OF PARIS (AN OBSERVER AT LAST YEAR'S MERCENARIES' TRIAL), VISITED TOGO APRIL 28-3Ø (REF. A). THEIR REPORT CITED A NUMBER OF ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS:

- SHORT-TERM DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL -- THIS
- INVOLVED ABOUT THIRTY CASES.

- SEVERAL CASES IN WHICH PRISONERS WERE NOT CHARGED,
- BUT HAD THEIR SENTENCES HANDED DOWN BY THE
- PRESIDENT OR HIS MINISTERS.

- TWO CASES OF POLITICAL KIDNAPPING -- ONE FROM
- GHANA AND ONE FROM NIGER.

- THE STATE SECURITY, I.E. MERCENARIES', TRIAL ITSELF,
- IN WHICH THE EVIDENCE ON WHICH CONVICTIONS WERE
- SECURED WAS THOUGHT TO BE RATHER WEAK.

- PRISON CONDITIONS IN TOKOIN AND GE DARMERIE
- PRISONS, INCLUDING OVERCROWDING, POOR NUTRITION,
- AND SUBSTANDARD MEDICAL FACILITIES. BREWSTER

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